II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Original) A method for shipping/mailing articles comprising the steps of:

   generating shipping/mailing data for one of the articles at one of a plurality of client terminals which are linked to a host terminal, wherein generating comprises information transfer between the client terminal and the host terminal; and

   producing the shipping/mailing data for generating a shipper's label.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein producing comprises printing the shipping/mailing data.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein producing comprises encoding the shipping/mailing data in a 2-dimensional bar code.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein producing comprises encrypting the data.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein producing comprises shuffling the data.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein generating the shipping/mailing data comprises referring to an electronic address book.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein generating the shipping/mailing data comprises pasting from a clipboard.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein generating the shipping/mailing data comprises selecting a carrier.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein generating the shipping/mailing data comprises selecting a class of service.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~claim~~ 1, wherein generating the shipping/mailing data comprises referring to a database of valid addresses for validation.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~claim~~ 10, wherein referring to the database of valid addresses yields a proposed address.

12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein generating the shipping/mailing data comprises address standardizing.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein standardizing takes into account how many lines an address has.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein referring to a database is effected for a batch of addresses.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein an application for servicing the client terminals keeps running even in the absence of a request from a client terminal.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the host terminal has a launcher application for keeping the application running.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the host terminal referring to a hardware key for enforcing license compliance.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein license compliance comprises compliance with a maximum number of client terminals being serviced by the host terminal.

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the host terminal making callbacks to the client terminal.

20. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the host terminal allowing a different terminal to fill in for a disconnected terminal.

21. (Original) A medium comprising computer-interpretable instructions for effecting a method for shipping/mailing articles, comprising instructions for:

generating shipping/mailing data for one of the articles at one of a plurality of client terminals which are linked to a host terminal, wherein generating comprises information transfer between the client terminal and the host terminal; and

producing the shipping/mailing data for generating a shipper's label.

22. (Original) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for printing the shipping/mailing data.

23. (Original) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for encoding the shipping/mailing data in a 2-dimensional bar code.

24. (Original) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for encrypting the data.

25. (Original) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for shuffling the data.

26. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for referring to an electronic address book in generating the shipping mailing/mailing data.

27. (Original) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for pasting from a clipboard in generating the shipping/mailing data.

28. (Original) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for selecting a carrier.

29. (Original) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for selecting a class of service.

30. (Original) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for referring to a database of valid addresses for validation.

31. (Original) The medium of claim 30, wherein referring to the database of valid addresses yields a proposed address.

32. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 2021, including instructions for address standardizing.

33. (Original) The medium of claim 32, wherein standardizing takes into account how many lines an address has.

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34. (Original) The medium of claim 30, wherein referring to a database is for a batch of addresses.

35. (Original) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for keeping an application for servicing the client running even in the absence of a request from a client terminal.

36. (Original) The medium of claim 35, including instructions for loading a launcher application.

37. (Original) The medium of claim 21, including instructions for the host terminal to refer to a hardware key for enforcing license compliance.

38. (Original) The medium of claim 37, wherein license compliance comprises compliance with a maximum number of client terminals being serviced by the host terminal.

39. (Original) The medium of claim 37, including instructions for the host terminal to make callbacks to the client terminals.

40. (Original) The medium of claim 37, including instructions for the host terminal to allow a different terminal to fill in for a disconnected terminal.

41. (New) A method for shipping and mailing articles comprising:

entering shipping and delivery information at a client location;

printing shipping and delivery information on a label at least a portion of the shipping and delivery information being encoded;

scanning the encoded shipping and delivery information at a carrier site identified in the shipping and delivery information; and

generating a label suitable for the carrier based on the scanned shipping and delivery information.